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METHOD OF DETECTING AXONAL DAMAGE, ASSOCIATED DISEASE STATES, AND

RELATED MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AND PROTEIN CONTROLS THEREFOR

## **AMENDMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated August 16, 2000, the application having been revived after an unintentional abandonment, please consider the following amendments and the accompanying remarks.

## Please add the following new claim:

Claim 31 (new). A method of determining axonal damage in the central nervous system of a patient suspected of having a condition selected from primary neuronal injuries, primary hemorrhages, primary vascular injuries, dural sinus laceration or occlusion, traumatic pia-arachnoid injuries, cranial nerve injuries, and secondary traumatic lesions, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a sample of cerebrospinal fluid from said patient;
- (b) treating said sample of cerebrospinal fluid with at least one monoclonal antibody, said at least one monoclonal antibody having been raised against an axonally-derived protein selected from the group consisting of isoforms of tau protein of SEQ ID NO: 1; and

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